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Waiver Structure Work Group Meeting
Tuesday, 12/7/21 from 10:00AM - 12:00PM
Held via: Zoom Webinar

Attendance: Rebecca Bryant, Pamela Dushan, Lenore Sciuto, Tim Leach, Krista Gilbert, Jennifer Pineo, Sarah Menard, Jennifer Cordaro, Renee Fisher, Michelle Donovan, Deborah DeScenza, Nancy Rollins, Sandy Hunt, Jessica Gorton, Alecia Ortiz. *Note: Members of the public who joined as attendees in listen-only mode are not included in this list.*

Please reference the corresponding slide presentation for the detailed agenda, including topics and themes covered in the meeting and corresponding takeaways and applicable action items.

Major Topics and Themes	Key Discussion Areas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service Mapping (Peer States Review) 	<p>A work group member asked if the state was considering credentialing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BDS clarified that it's important to build in provider requirements to waiver service definitions and rules. BDS also clarified that the Bureau is interested in including information from the Waiver Work Group in future conversations. <p>The work group discussed Assisted Living.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members expressed concerns about the adequacy of existing Assisted Living services. Members expressed concern with the name of the services. Members expressed an interest in developing a more robust supply of Shared Living step downs. Members discussed the current use of Assisted Living services for the older population. Members expressed interest in an Enhanced Family Care step down option Members expressed concern around a service gap that may exist for older adults with developmental disabilities when they "retire" from their day supports. Members expressed that sometimes adults with developmental disabilities are placed in nursing homes. <p>The work group discussed Live-in Companion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members expressed challenges in navigating Department of Labor rules related to overtime pay. Members discussed the value of community options, especially when compared to facility options. <p>The work group agreed that elements of PDMS are appropriate for both waivers.</p> <p>A work group member noted that it's important to consider the caregiver perspective.</p> <p>A work group member noted the need for Medical Day Services.</p> <p>A work group member referenced a program in Massachusetts that operates a shared living/ supported housing style model.</p> <p>A work group member expressed interest in exploring meals on wheels and visiting nursing.</p>

	<p>The work group discussed the challenge ahead in deciding which waiver, CFI or DD Waiver is best for an individual.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members noted that it will be important to streamline the waiver transition process. • Members wondered if an emergency expedition could be implemented. <p>Members discussed achieving a balance between service breadth and service definition flexibility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members noted that it would be appropriate to combine some services. • A member asked if some services received votes for “Do Not Explore.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BDS clarified that some people did vote to not explore certain services. <p>The work group discussed Residential Habilitation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member noted that there are many components of this service that will need to be picked apart. <p>The work group discussed options for Group Day Supports and how best to use this service, but also uphold system values.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members noted that it is sometimes challenging to measure community participation. <p>A member noted that remote support services are important for Residential Day Services.</p> <p>A member expressed interest in a Community Membership service in Maine.</p> <p>The work group discussed Shared Living and how it will be important to examine the levels.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovative Ideas Outreach Survey 	<p>The work group discussed the pros and cons of sending out a survey to families and providers asking about innovative service options (explored as a result of COVID-19).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members expressed concern about survey fatigue. • Members expressed an interest in quantifying the data- rather than pursuing a qualitative option. • Members expressed an interest in ensuring accessibility, especially for people in areas without internet. • Members expressed an interest in ensuring that people understand how the survey will be used. • Members expressed an interest in thinking through the best timing for distribution. • A member noted that working on the National Core Indicator Surveys at the same time might make completion of an additional survey challenging.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignment and Next Steps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Waiver Work Group will not have a homework assignment this month.